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NEW RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN HOWRAH SEAKHALA CHAMPADANGA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to construct a new railway line between Howrah−Seakhala−Champadanga via Furfurah within the districts of Howrah and Hooghly of West Bengal; and

(b) If so, the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): A survey was conducted in 2000−01 for constructing a new line from Dankuni (on Howrah−Barddhaman chord line) to Champadanga via Seakhala and from Seakahala to Bargachia. As per the survey report, the cost of construction of this rail link (total length: 41.50 Kms) was assessed as Rs. 87.67 crore at the then price level with a rate of return of (−) 12.28%. In view of non-remunerative nature of the line, heavy throw-forward of ongoing projects and acute resource constraints, it has not been found feasible to take up the work for the present.